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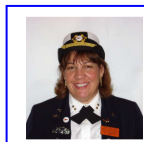
The LUR

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Happy New Year
I feel like 2010 just zipped by way to fast. I hope all Vikings are getting ready for all the fun activities that are being discussed for the 2011 cruising season. Special thank you to Frankie and her crew for the great job hosting the Christmas Auction and spaghetti dinner. Pictures from the event are on the web site. Hope everyone has been able to check them out. General meetings will be returning to Fife City Bar and Grill. January meeting will be on the 26th. It will be our first meeting of the New Year. Please try to attend so your voice can be heard on items that need to be discussed and possibly some voting on issues. I am here to support the Viking Club and its members to the best of my ability if anyone has any concerns please let me know. Cruising season cannot get here soon enough. I heard snow might be in next week's forecast. I prefer warm sandy beaches and lots of sunshine. See you all at the meeting on the 26th.

Commodore Carla
carlabushnell@yahoo.com



Happy Birthday



January

*Jim Martinson, Rich Carino,
Maureen Murray, Susie Claus,
John Tollo*

February

*Donna Carlson, Peggy Claar,
Ann Gagner, Dave Seis, Betsy Tanck,
Marcia Bailey*

Birthdays listed are on monthly calendar and available for download from our website

<http://www.vikingyachtclub.com/>



SUNSHINE

Live well, love much, and laugh often

I'm happy to report that Ed Johnson is recovering at home from the surgery to replace his knee. All seemed to go as expected and he and Susie spent a pleasant but quiet holiday with loved ones. PC Barb is recovering from oral surgery and "enjoying" her mashed potato diet. Bob and Janet McGrath are back from their latest trip to Hawaii and Bob is doing pretty well. A little time on the warm beach is always good medicine.

Speaking of warm beaches, because Lola Doxon can receive chemo treatments on the road, she and Gary are off to Maui for what they hope will be an extended trip for much needed R&R. We continue to keep these valued VYC members close in our thoughts.

If you have information that needs shared with our members, please contact:

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Happy New Year! Hoping the January Lur finds you happy and healthy! Want to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas auction, would not have been successful without your help. "And thanks everyone for coming" There were many nice things and Donnas Hot Butter Rum mix was great. Thank you Bob Gunter for being the voice of the auctioneer.

Would like this opportunity to thank all Past Commodores and spouses for coming to our house for the annual PC Party. It sounded like a lot of fun! I missed seeing everyone, I was sick in bed with a red bucket close by! It is a new year with many great things planned for the club.

"Wanted" Viking members to step up for cruise captains. Cruising is a lot of fun, especially going to new places, doing different things. Would like to see more members names on those sign-up sheets! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Viking yacht Club meeting this month.

Vice Commodore Frankie
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From The Rear Commodore

Happy 2011 to all past, present, and hopefully future Vikings. As we go forward in this New Year, I would like to see us try to make this the best year for the club ever. Not that the past years were bad but I always like to think that any endeavor can be improved upon! Maybe we should dedicate this year to an all out effort to recruit new members and try to make our cruises the best yet. With that in mind, I will be asking some of you to step up and be a cruise captains.

I hope that I get a good response and participation.

I am putting the cruise schedule together and should have it complete by January's regular meeting. Good News!!! I was able to secure Port Orchard for Memorial Day and have the area reserved for Sunday for the Oyster Feed. I will be discussing the other cruises at the January meeting, so please plan on attending for all updated cruise information.

Rear Commodore Dave
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Do not miss these important events!

- NBC Presidents Banquet @ DMYC 8th
- YYC General Meeting @ Fife City Bar & Grill 26th
- Seattle Boat Show 21st - 30th

FROM THE JUNIOR PAST COMMODORE

Happy New Years Viking Members!!!

Well here it is 2011 and I'm off and going again. I had oral surgery over Christmas break so Bill and I stayed mostly around the house. I never made it to the boat due to the weather, but am looking forward to getting out and going on a cruise.

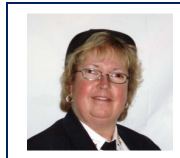
I have been working on the Sweetheart Dinner and have it scheduled for Feb. 19th at the Gateway Cottage in Parkland. (See flyer in LUR) They have great food and we have 4 different dinner choices to choose from. Be sure to be at the General meeting at Fife City Bar and Grill on Jan. 26th to sign up and also vote for our 2011 Sweetheart or we might end up with Robert :^0) wearing the Robe and Tierra!

Also there is a "change of date alert". Carla's Commodore Ball at Tacoma Yacht Club will be Oct. 8th. That is the second Saturday of October due to a wedding they have had booked.

If any of you would like to help out with either of these functions, please contact me at yakobi51@hotmail.com.

Remember VIKING's it is time to pay your dues so we can get your new 2011 membership cards out to you.

PC Barb
Yakobi51@hotmail.com



District Thirteen LNM Available on NAVCEN Website (01/05/11)
Use this link to access up to date Coast Guard Information



<http://navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm13012011.pdf>

FEMA encourages Americans to resolve to be ready in 2011

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=53454>

Membership Update "LAST CALL"

It is that time again to update your contact information so we can provide all members correct information. Please take the time to look at your 2010 contact information and advise all needed changes. To view our membership information, please go to our website www.thevikingyachtclub.com and select membership roaster document. To open document, use password vycmember123. Then send e-mail with any changes to searusattitude@gmail.com Thanks, Robert Bushnell - Publicity

MEMBERSHIP

2011 Membership Dues Invoice

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your past support and membership in Viking Yacht Club. Below you will find the dues request for 2011. To facilitate the timely printing and distribution for the membership book inserts, Membership Cards and website accessible membership documents, we would appreciate your response by January 1st, 2011

To assist us in keeping accurate membership records, we ask that you provide the information below so we can update or records

Viking Yacht Club 2011 Dues: \$150.00

Amount Paid \$ _____

From: _____

Address: _____

Alternate Address: (if applicable)

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: (which member) _____

Email Address(s): _____

National Boating Federation

Earl Waesche – ewaesche@comcast.net
Legislative Director

NMMA, Engine Manufacturers File Suit on E15 Decision

The National Marine Manufacturers Assc. (NMMA) filed suit in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, challenging the October 13, 2010 decision by the EPA to partially approve E15 for a subset of on-highway motor vehicles. NMMA has joined with several other manufacturing groups in a newly formed coalition – the Engine Products Group (EPG) – in pursuing this legal challenge. NMMA expressed regret in having to pursue litigation, but stated that the EPA has not fulfilled its statutory obligations to ensure the safe introduction of E15. NMMA has urged full scientific testing on marine engines and equipment, as required by law, and the rational evaluation of policy mechanisms to protect consumers from misfueling and product failures caused by E15. In the meantime Congress is considering a bill that would shield retailers from liability suits for miss-fueled engines.

A related and significant issue is that subsidies (last year, \$7.7 billion) to the ethanol producers are set to automatically expire at the end of this year. While Republican fiscal hard liners worked to not continue the subsidies, the subsidies were included as part of the bill to continue the Bush tax cuts.

NBF Letter to US Coast Guard

We have sent a letter to the Commandant of the USCG and the Chief of the Office of Boating Safety, informing them of our concerns for the safety of the boating public with the presence of ethanol in marine fuel. While out on the water at night, in a storm or in a fog, engine failure could have disastrous consequences. To date the USCG does not appear to view ethanol as a safety issue.

Visit www.n-b-f.org to view THE LOOKOUT newsletter
Contributor: Marlene Barrington

Cruise & Function Calendar 2011

VikingYachtClub.com (see Website for full Calendar)

January

- 9th VYC Board Meeting
- 26th VYC General Meeting @ Fife City Bar & Grill
- 21st – 30th Seattle Boat Show

February

- 5th TOA Commodore Ball @ TOA Yacht Club
- 12th Seabac's 50th Commodore Ball @ Billy Baroos in Tukwila
- 19th Sweetheart's Dinner @ The Gateway Cottage in Tacoma
- 20th VYC Board Meeting
- 23rd VYC General Meeting @ Fife City Bar & Grill
- 26th Totem Commodore Ball @ Totem Yacht Club

March

- 5th DMYC Commodore Ball @ Des Moines Yacht Club
- TBD Arts & Entertainment Cruise @ TBD
- 23rd VYC General Meeting @ Fife City Bar & Grill

April

- 2nd – 3rd NBC Work Party @ Blake Island
- 15th – 17th Daffodil Weekend @ TYC (dress whites)
- TBD Family of The Year @ Arabella's Gig Harbor
- 27th VYC General Meeting @ Fife City Bar & Grill

May

- 6th Opening Day @ Seattle Yacht Club
- 7th Opening Day Parade @ SYC (dress whites)
- 14th South Sound Opening Day @ DMYC (dress whites)
- 27th – 30th Memorial Day Cruise & Oyster Feed @ Port Orchard

June

- 3rd – 5th NBC Picnic @ Brownsville Marina
- TBD VYC Golf Cruise @ TBD

July

- 1st – 5th 4th of July Anchor Out @ Burton
- 8th – 10th Anchor out @ McMiken with TOA
- 15th – 16th IOBG District / Summer Picnic @ Kingston Marina

August

- TBD VYC Board Meeting @ TBD

September

- 2nd – 5th Labor Day Cruise @ TBD
- 23rd – 25th IOBG Dist 1 Fall @ Change of Watch @ Poulsbo
- TBD Carling Yacht Club Commodore Ball @ TBD
- 28th VYC General Meeting @ Fife City Bar & Grill

October

- 8th VYC Commodore Ball @ Tacoma Yacht Club
- TBD Hot Rudder Bum Cruise @ TBD
- 26th VYC General Meeting @ Fife City Bar & Grill

November

- 5th VYC Change of Watch @ TBD (dress whites)

December

- 4th VYC Christmas Auction / Dinner @ Totem Yacht Club
- TBD TYC Christmas Boat Cruise

Pile Driving in Commencement Bay vicinity of Pier 23

Upgrade project through Mar 11. The derrick barges Seattle and Alameda are also being used on scene at various times. In addition, a barge has been put on anchor 600 feet west of the pier in approximate position 47-16.9N 122-25.0W. The barge is lighted with fixed white lights. There are five white, round buoys with a blue stripe and lighted with a fixed white light marking submerged anchor lines. The dredge LA and Beaver will monitor VHF-FM channel 13, 14 and 16. Mariners are requested to minimize wake to the maximum extent possible due to the possibility of damage to the soffits and injury to the workers. For additional information, contact General Construction Co. at (360) 340-1504.

The Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

RBAW is going E-L-E-C-T-R-O-N-I-C !

Effective January 1, 2011, the Newsletter of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington will become electronic only, insuring more timely dissemination of information. The money we save in postage and paper can be used to better advantage in our efforts to represent recreational boaters across the state.

You will automatically receive the first newsletter by email in January 2011 if we have your current email. The newsletter will also be available on the RBAW website at www.rbaw.org

To ensure that you receive the electronic newsletters regularly, please send your current email address along with your name to:

bestfox@comcast.net. Please put RBAW in the subject field

Regards,
Ed Jennerich, President

Seattle – safety zone for potential unexploded ordinance



The US Coast Guard established a temporary safety zone on certain waters of Elliott Bay in Seattle to ensure safety of persons and property due to the presence of discarded military munitions in close proximity to Pier 91. The safety zone will be in effect through April 15, 2011. [75 Fed. Reg. 81467](http://www.federalregister.gov) (December 28, 2010).

STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

NOTICE: DOCKS CLOSED AT JONES ISLAND AND SUCIA ISLAND
MARINE PARKS

OLYMPIA – Dec. 14, 2010 – The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission today announced the immediate closure of the docks at Jones Island and Sucia Island state parks in the San Juan Islands for construction work.

The docks will undergo major construction to replace pilings, gangways, piers and floats. Additionally, the docks will be upgraded to include enhanced access consistent with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The existing docks are more than 30 years old. During the closure, boaters are requested to not moor to the floats, watch for debris in the area and stay clear of the construction barges.

Dock work is expected to be completed around the end of February. Floats will be reinstalled around late-March to early-April 2011.

Previous work completed in the uplands on both islands under the Resource and Conservation Office's Boating Facilities Grant program included benches, drinking fountains, Adirondack shelters and new trails, a campsite and composting toilets that are accessible to people with disabilities. The northern side of Jones Island also received a new kitchen shelter.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission thanks the public for supporting state parks. Donations made to State Parks through the vehicle license tab renewal program will keep state parks open in the 2009-2011 budget cycle, provided adequate revenues are collected. The Commission manages a diverse system of more than 100 state parks and recreation programs, including long-distance trails, boating safety and winter recreation. The 97-year-old park system will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.

MEMBERSHIP

Recruiting new members is an important part of growing our club. Every member can assist our Membership Chairperson – Steve Larsen in this effort. We now have Brochures that can be used and provided to prospective new members and will assist you in showing the benefits of joining the Viking Yacht Club. At every membership meeting, these new brochures will be available for our membership to take and use for New Membership Recruitment in 2011. PDF file of this new brochure is also available on our Website using this page link <http://www.thevikingyachtclub.com/12.html>

Steve Larsen – Membership Chairperson

Thea Foss Waterway



The US Coast Guard is establishing a permanent regulated navigation area (RNA) on portions of the Thea Foss and Wheeler-Osgood Waterways in Commencement Bay, Tacoma, Washington. The RNA is intended to protect the seabed in portions of those waterways that are subject to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) superfund cleanup remediation efforts. The RNA will prohibit activities that might disturb the seabed, such as anchoring, dragging, and spudding. The rule comes into effect on January 7, 2011. [75 Fed. Reg. 76280](#) (December 8, 2010).



Puget Sound – flash bang munitions to be used as warning tool

SEATTLE - The Puget Sound-area Coast Guard will begin employing flash bang munitions as a means to notify non-compliant boaters that they are entering a security zone.

This notification is being made to bring awareness to Puget Sound boaters, and to assist the Coast Guard with uninterrupted and safe vessel escort operations.

The Coast Guard routinely escorts vessels transiting within Puget Sound, enforcing moving security zones around US Navy ships, Washington State ferries, cruise ships, and tank ships. As a part of enforcing these security zones, the Coast Guard is outfitting escort crews with flash bang munitions fired from a 12-gauge shotgun.

The flash bang munitions can be fired from a Coast Guard vessel into the path of a vessel that has failed to respond to radio calls and other signals to halt. Once fired, a plastic and aluminum projectile will ignite after approximately 100-meters to create a bright flash of light and loud sound. This is a safe and effective method to gain the attention of a vessel and accurately determine its intent prior to utilizing more aggressive tactics to enforce security zones around vessels and facilities.

"The Coast Guard, working with local and state authorities, conducts a vital and complex maritime security mission," said Capt. Eric Chamberlin, Chief of Response for the Thirteenth District, in Seattle. "We are always looking for safe, effective opportunities to better protect our waterways. This new tool will give Coast Guard escort crews the ability to send an unmistakable signal to vessels."

If boaters see or hear a flash bang round, they should slow down, establish voice communication with the Coast Guard Patrol Commander on VHF channel 16 and follow the direction of the Coast Guard. Media inquiries can be referred to the Thirteenth Coast Guard District Public Affairs Office, in Seattle, at (206) 220-7237.



2011 CALENDAR

January 8	President's Dinner Location: Des Moines Yacht Club
March 9	NBC Board meeting 7pm Location: Mitzels in Fife
March 16	NBC General meeting 7:30pm Location: Totem YC
April 2 (& 3)	Blake Island Work Party
April 15, 16, 17	Daffodil Weekend at Tacoma Yacht Club
May 7	<i>Seattle Opening Da</i> Location: <i>Seattle YC</i>
May 11	<i>NBC Board meeting 7pm</i> Location: Mitzels in Fife
May 14	South Sound Opening Day Location: Des Moines YC
May 18	NBC General meeting 7:30pm Location: TBD
June 3, 4, 5	NBC Picnic Location: Brownsville Marina
September 14	NBC Board meeting 7pm Location: Mitzels in Fife
September 21	NBC General meeting 7:30pm Location: Des Moines YC
September 24 & 25	NBC Do Nothing Cruise Location: Dockton County Park
November 9	NBC Board meeting 7pm Location: Mitzels in Fife
November 16	NBC General meeting (& Elections) 7:30pm Location: TOA

RBAW and the Vessel Excise Tax

The State of Washington has unfairly saddled recreational boaters with an excise tax that is not collected in a similar manner from any other “users group.” Annual vessel registration fees include a tax equal to ½ of 1% of the market value of any recreational boat. These taxes are simply absorbed into the general fund of Washington State, and are in no way earmarked for improvements to boating infrastructure.

Other owners of recreational conveyances are not asked to pay a tax based on market value. For example, private aircraft pay a very small flat fee based entirely upon the type of aircraft. Excise taxes for aircraft are generally under \$200 per year, and any private helicopter (regardless of value) pays a flat \$90 renewal charge. A private helicopter worth \$3 million pays a \$90 excise tax, while the owner of a \$3-million yacht would pay \$15,000 annually.

Motor homes are treated like automobiles, which the excise tax replaced many years ago by a \$35 “tab fee”. In a few counties, motor homes are subject to some transit taxes that do not apply to boats, but even in those cases, the owner of a new \$700,000 motor home will never be asked to pay close to the \$3,500 it costs to pay the excise tax for a boat.

RBAW advocates repealing the vessel excise tax in Washington State. Boaters should not be singled out for punitive taxation.



VIKING'S SWEETHEART CROWNING AND DINNER FEB. 19, 2011

6:00pm Appetizers and No Host Bar 7:30pm Dinner



(253) 536-8100
124 146th St S,
Tacoma, WA 98444

Your choice of
(4) Dinners

\$35.00 per person

Includes tax, and tip

RSVP by Feb. 11, 2011

PC Barb Talamine
253-536-1362 or
yakobi51@hotmail.com

Gateway Cottage Restaurant **Dinner Banquet Menu**

Slow Roasted Prime Rib

Angus Aged Prime Rib dry rubbed with our special seasonings, slow roasted to perfection and sliced at your desired temperature, served with creamy horseradish and au jus.

Coconut Breaded Prawns

Lightly breaded with panko and coconut, and deep fried to a golden brown. Served with our special dipping sauce.

Salmon Filet

Char-broiled to perfection and finished with a lemon butter bierre blanc sauce.

Italian Breaded Chicken Breast

Stuffed with proscuitto ham, roasted red peppers and fresh basil. Italian breaded and draped with a roasted red pepper asiago cream sauce.

All dinners come with our house salad, fresh vegetables and your choice of garlic mashed potatoes or wild rice pilaf. Accompanied with warm dinner rolls and butter.

January 2011

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February 2011

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Feb 27 - Mar 5	Marcia Bailey						